

## OPINION 112

SUSPENSION DECLINED FOR *Manatus* 1772 vs. *Trichechus* 1758

**SUMMARY.**—Suspension of the Rules is declined for *Manatus* Brünnich, 1772, type species *Trichechus manatus* Linn., 1758a, type locality West Indies, vs. *Trichechus* Linn., 1758a, monotype *T. manatus*; accordingly, the name *Trichechus* is to be used for the manatee instead of for the walrus. *Trichechus* Linn., 1758a, type *T. manatus* is hereby placed in the Official List of Generic Names.

**STATEMENT OF CASE.**—See Opinion 90, p. 36.

**DISCUSSION.**—The vote taken on Opinion 90 stood thirteen (13) in favor of Suspension of the Rules and adoption of *Manatus*, and five (5) against this action.

In accordance with the provisions governing Suspension of the Rules, this case was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Commissioner K. Jordan representing the affirmative, Commissioner Stejneger the negative, and Ex-Commissioner Osborn as third member of the Committee.

The votes of the Committee have reached the Secretary; two (2) of them uphold *Trichechus*, the third vote is in favor of Suspension of the Rules to validate *Manatus*. A majority vote has been obtained, Suspension is declined, and *Trichechus* is to be recognized in preference to *Manatus*.

The Commission has instructed the Secretary to announce the result, and by a vote of thirteen (13) to one (1) *Trichechus* Linn., 1758a, type *T. manatus*, is hereby placed in the Official List of Generic Names.